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CHARLESTON OPENS NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

Charleston County's new \$703,000 library building at King and Hutson streets was officially opened at 9 A. M., November 28. Book borrowers were given a preview the day before when the library was open from 2 P. M. to 8 P. M. for inspection by the general public. Even earlier, on November 26, a preview by special invitation was held for civic, cultural, and educational leaders in the community.

Formal dedication ceremonies will be held later, according to Albert M. Hare, Jr., County Manager.

The new two-story building is of modern design with an exterior of marble and brick. A total of 46,614 square feet of floor space is contained in the library, and the design is such that an additional story can be added. The library includes conference rooms, lecture rooms, facilities for showing slides and motion pictures, typing booths, a music room, and other features for convenient and expeditious library services.

Disposition of the old library building on Rutledge Avenue has been postponed pending the opening of the new library.

LEXINGTON'S R. H. SMITH BRANCH OPENED

The R. H. Smith Public Library was opened to Cayce, West Columbia, and vicinity in special ceremonies held Monday evening, November 7, at 7:30. The library held open house following a brief program.

The building was on this occasion transferred to the Lexington County Circulating Library Board by the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn-Cayce Schools, which was charged with the letting and execution of the building contract. The library is being operated as a unit of the County Circulating Library. An official lease was delivered by Dr. R. H. Fulmer, Chairman of the Brooklyn-Cayce Board of Trustees, to Woodrow H. Taylor, representing the library board.

Senator Francis C. Jones of Lexington County delivered the dedicatory address, and Cyril B. Busbee, Superintendent of Brooklyn-Cayce Schools, served as master of ceremonies.

The library project was initiated by a cash gift of \$20,000 from R. H. Smith, prominent business and civic leader of the community. Other outstanding citizens responded with significant contributions of cash or services to make more adequate library services available to the area.

SITE GIVEN FOR WEST ASHLEY BRANCH

The new West Ashley Branch of the Charleston County Library will be located at Hampton Lane and Windemere Boulevard in the South Windemere Shopping Center. The site was donated to the county for library purposes. The branch library will be financed by funds remaining in a \$750,000 bond issue which was approved by the voters for the construction of the new main library at King and Hutson Streets. Although only \$8,000 remains in that account, additional funds will be received from the sale of the old main library building on Rutledge Avenue.

Cost of the branch library is estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000. The building will cover 5000 square feet of the site's total area of 7,500 square feet. The remainder will be used for parking.

UNION MEETING

Representatives of the Board of the Carnegie Free Library, Union, and the Union County Library met in the Fairforest Hotel on November 10 to discuss the possibility of establishing a consolidated county library. Miss Estellene P. Walker, South Carolina State Library Board, explained the advantages to be derived from a consolidated system, and outlined the methods of accomplishing this. Among those present at the meeting was Union County Senator, John D. Long.

MRS. JAKE ULMER

Miss Beverly Riley, Orangeburg County Librarian, was married on October 29 to Mr. Jake Ulmer. Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer are living in Orangeburg.

GREENVILLE FRIENDS ORGANIZED

A citizens' movement to sponsor improvement of the Greenville Public Library was organized under the name of "Friends of the Library" at a public meeting held in Greenville on November 17.

Interested citizens and representatives from a number of organizations throughout the city and the county met at the library on North Main Street and adopted a constitution and elected the following officers: Arthur McGill, President; James F. Watley, Vice-president; Mrs. Carl E. Buck, Jr., Recording Secretary; Charles E. Stow, Corresponding Secretary; and John D. Smeak, Treasurer.

In the course of the meeting, Mr. B. O. Thompson, Jr., member of the State Legislature and a staunch advocate of the reorganization of the Greenville County library system, spoke to the group pointing to strides which Greenville County has made in art, through the acquisition of a museum, and in education through its new school buildings and other facilities. He stressed the need for team-work in support of organizations like the Friends of the Library in securing a great county library system. He pointed out the advisability of combining the city and county libraries to form a more efficient organization. He further pointed out that most members of the County Delegation realize the difficulties under which the two-library system operates and the crying need for increased appropriation, larger salaries, and more books and more adequate physical facilities.

The Greenville County library system should offer a minimum of 418,000 books, Mr. Thompson said. It now has 149,000, and about one third of these are obsolete. Mr. Thompson described local library facilities as "antique" and said that Greenville is the only large urban county in the state now operating under both a city and county system.

The new Friends of the Library group in Greenville plans to support consolidation of the city and county libraries into a new unified system to be supported by adequate taxes, the securing of a new building, the establishment of a gift foundation, and a general expansion of library services.

The Greenville branch of the American Association of University Women initiated the Friends movement by calling together a group of representative citizens from the city and county, which served as a steering committee in promoting the movement and in planning the organizational meeting reported above.

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Mrs. William A. Foran, Richland County Public Library, and Miss Nancy Blair, State Library Board, attended the Young Adult Workshop at Florida State University, sponsored by the university library school and the Florida State Library on November 10, 11, and 12, 1960.

Emphasis was on adult books suitable for the young adult rather than on the books written especially for the teen-ager. Dr. Dwight Burton, Professor of Education, FSU, spoke on the problems involved in writing a book especially for the young adult and mentioned that Maureen Daly had been most successful because she was writing for and about her own age when she wrote "Seventeenth Summer."

There were group discussions on problem areas: sex books, religious books, best sellers, and controversial books. It was brought out that all these problems had to be met by knowing the book stock and the borrower.

Miss Dorothy West, Editor, Standard Catalog Series, H. W. Wilson Company, reported that they planned to issue a Standard Catalog for Junior High Schools and special lists for young adults.

Dr. Pauline O'Melia, who was consultant for the workshop, pointed out that the smallest library could set aside a few shelves and provide a comfortable chair or two for a corner for young adults.

LIBRARIES AND POST OFFICES

Knowing that other libraries may also have bookmobile depositories located in rural post offices, Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, Horry County Memorial Library, calls attention to the following paragraphs contained in Postal Bulletin 81:20227, November 24, 1960:

All Post Offices

LIBRARIES IN POST OFFICES

Information has been received in the Department that libraries sponsored and administered by state, county, and local governments, as a free service to the public, are installed in lobbies of some of the smaller post offices and that requests are being received for additional installations.

The assignment of space in Government-owned buildings operated by the Post Office Department and in leased or rented buildings is covered in Parts 612.211 and 612.212 of the Postal Manual. While such libraries are not in accordance with general regulations regarding the assignment of space for nonpostal uses in leased and rented buildings, discontinuance of those libraries already in existence will not be required at this time. However, no additional library installations will be authorized. --
Bureau of Operations, 11-24-60.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE AGING

The factual results and recommendations coming from the state wide survey conducted by the South Carolina Legislative Committee on the Aging have been summarized in a series of six articles written by Joan Reynolds Faunt and published in various newspapers in the state. The following is a quotation from one of the articles dealing with public library services.

Education about aging, or preretirement education, has become essential. Education for the aging is permitting many older persons to develop skill, necessary to carry out retirement objectives. County reports indicate that a large number of the employed 45-64 group take advantage of educational offerings, but few of the 65-and-over group participate.

The public library is in position to render unique educational services to the aging. For those with increased leisure, the library offers cultural development, entertainment, and companionship. The only other educational experiences generally available to the aging are sporadic conferences, lectures, etc., sponsored by local groups.

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In the field of library services, it is recommended that library facilities be expanded to include a staff member who can give special attention to the aged and handicapped, to provide adequate space for exhibits as well as comfortable reading rooms, to provide special services and equipment for the aged and handicapped. It is also recommended that library services be expanded to include group activities, bookmobile services to all persons in the library area, and volunteer shut-in services, and that library services be publicized. Each community should survey its service area to locate the older citizens and find their unmet needs in the library-service area.

LIBRARIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT

"I Can Read It Myself." A 31-page list of "Some Books for Independent Reading in the Primary Grades," compiled and annotated by Frieda M. Heller. Price: \$1.00. Order from: College of Education, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio.

First annual report, Library Technology Project. A summary of the first year's work of a technical project designed to serve the needs of the library world. Available on request from the American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

"What Young Americans Are Reading," Library Journal, November 15, 1960, p. 4192. A list of adult titles currently popular with young adults.

"Professional Assistants on Demand," Library Journal, November 1, 1960, pp. 3948-9. An interesting and practical suggestion for a revised library education program, proposed by the Director of Students, Drexel Library School.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

Do give me some advice! I have an employee who likes to come and talk to me about other people who work in the library. This has been useful at times since she tells me things the rest of the staff would never mention. Recently, though, she has gotten out of hand and is beginning to tell things that I do not believe are exactly true. I would like to shut this off, but I don't know how.

Worried

Dear Worried:

So you don't know how to stop this tattling! What I would like to know is how it started. Any employer who listens to, and thereby encourages, a tale-bearer is opening Pandora's box. Don't you know that a person who brings a story almost always carries one back? I'll bet your library is frequently upset, the workers are unhappy and suspicious of each other, and you probably wonder why.

If you will conduct yourself in a professional manner, the people who work for you will follow suit. In other words, if you want the gossip to stop, quit gossiping yourself.

Dear Anne:

I am tired, worn out, ragged, and exhausted. I have worked day and night, weekday and Sunday, winter and summer, dedicated as any missionary, trying to bring at least a minimum of good quality library service to the people of our county. I have stretched the budget, stretched the staff, and most of all I have stretched myself. Yet every time I turn around one of those dratted people from the State Library Board drops in to try to nudge me into taking on a regional library. Can't they see that I can't do any more? Why are they so unreasonable?

Stretched Out--Flat

Dear Stretched Out:

Stand up and stretch again, this time in the mind. The State Library Board consultants are not persecuting you. They know that a larger library system will bring you the help you badly need, both human and financial. Their "nudging" is a compliment, evidence that they think you and your library are ready for bigger things.

Dear Anne:

If the panel at Southeastern failed to see any problem in public library service to students, other librarians did not. See the latest Library Journal, November 15, pp. 4184-8: "Youth Jam the Public Library--The Other Side of the Coin."

County Librarian

Do You have a problem? Write to Anne Library

SEEN HERE AND THERE

The Horry County Memorial Library preparing two statements on service to school students, "The Student and the Public Library," and "The Public School Teacher and the Public Library." Both have been discussed with students, teachers, and school authorities.

The Marion Public Library sponsoring a new Great Books Group which has thirty-eight enthusiastic participants.

Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, NLW Executive Director, formulating plans for the state's observance of the 1961 National Library Week.

School classes all over the state visiting nearby public libraries during Book Week.

Patrons of the Colleton County Memorial Library enjoying the exhibit of Rembrandt reproductions mentioned in last month's newsletter.

The Richland County Public Library's Children's Room staff displaying a candy house which will be given to some lucky child at a drawing shortly before Christmas. Every child who checks out a book between now and the date of the drawing will have a chance to win it.

Miss Estellene P. Walker, Director of the State Library Board, attending the Second Assembly of State Librarians held at the Library of Congress, November 16-18.

The Barnwell County Library's Great Books Group discussing Thoreau's Civil Disobedience and Walden.

Charleston's Great Books Group discussing the dramas of Aeschylus, the Oresteia.

Edgar W. Davis, Jr., elected Chairman of the Greenwood City and County Public Library Board of Trustees, succeeding W. L. Bross who has served since 1956.

The Charleston County Library the recipient of three educational film given by representatives of three local savings and loan associations. The films were presented to help start the library's new audio-visual department which will be housed in the new building at the corner of King and Hutson streets.

An asphalt roller breaking loose and crashing into the Anderson County Library's Greeney Branch. Although the building was full of children attending a Book Week event, no one was injured.

The Richland County Story Hour themes on successive weeks being "Whales" and "Elephants."

The Anderson County Library moving its Technical Services Branch into newly leased space at the bus terminal. Formerly located on Murray Avenue, the branch is now on Main Street in the same block with the main library.

Mrs. Beverly R. Ulmer, Orangeburg County Librarian, addressing the County Home Demonstration Council on library services. The Orangeburg Council has chosen as a special goal this year the reading of books, fiction or non-fiction, written by South Carolina authors or with a South Carolina setting. Mrs. Ulmer discussed a list of books prepared for this purpose and also awarded certificates for last year's reading.

The Lancaster County Library having a portrait painting demonstration for Book Week.

The Manning PTA sponsoring a Storybook Hour at the public library. The program was designed for first grade children.

Girl Scouts of Troop 3-14 holding story hour at the Fairfield County Library.

The Richland County Public Library having a full page spread of pictures and stories in the local newspaper in observance of Book Week.

To librarians, trustees, fellow extension workers, and to library patrons, too, best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Forest Lake Area Plans Branch Library

Erection of a handsome branch library in the Forest Lake area as a memorial to the late John Hughes Cooper, Columbia attorney, was announced jointly yesterday afternoon by Edwin H. Cooper, president Forest Land Company, and the board of trustees of the Richland County Public Library.

The new library is being built and furnished by members of the Cooper family as a memorial to the late Mr. Cooper. An uncle of the present owners of Forest Land Company.

The construction work on the project, located on Trenholm Road in the Forest Lake Shopping Area, will be by Southern States Construction Company. Plans for the modern one-story building have been drawn by William J. Keenan, III of the firm of G. Thomas Harmon, architects.

The building will be of contemporary design and of fireproof construction. The exterior and interior will be built of exposed brick. The structure will be completely air-conditioned and the grounds will be landscaped.

The John Hughes Cooper Branch Library will be a part of the Richland County Public Library System and while the building is under construction the library will be preparing the book collection

for this branch. Already available is a nucleus of approximately 1,000 books which were used the past summer at Satchel Ford School. A number of these books were donated by the Forest Lake Woman's Club which was active in contributing both books and funds for the purchase of books to be used in this area.

Of the late Mr. Cooper, "From Across the Editor's Desk" by S. L. Latimer, Jr. had this to say:

"John Hughes Cooper was a most interesting and entertaining person. And I am sorry that fate intervened and prevented him from enjoying fully the rewards of his great faith in Columbia and especially in the Forest Lake section. I know from his own lips it was a hard fight for him to hold on for years to what is now a fashionable residential area, but he never gave up. He lived to see his dream, in part, come true, but not to the extent that it has since his death."

"Mr. Cooper was a lawyer, and a good one, but he devoted many of his years, primarily to real estate. His sense of humor was wonderful, and his fine wit is still quoted by his friends."

Mr. Cooper, who finished the University of South Carolina Law School, ran for lieutenant gov-

ernor in 1934 and he also once ran for governor. His opponents for the lieutenant governor's race were the late Fred West of Abbeville and the late Emile Harley of Barnwell, who was elected and succeeded to the governorship in 1941 when Mr. Byrnes went on to the Court and the late Burnet Maybank became senator.

Mr. Cooper was originally from the Indiantown community of Williamsburg County.

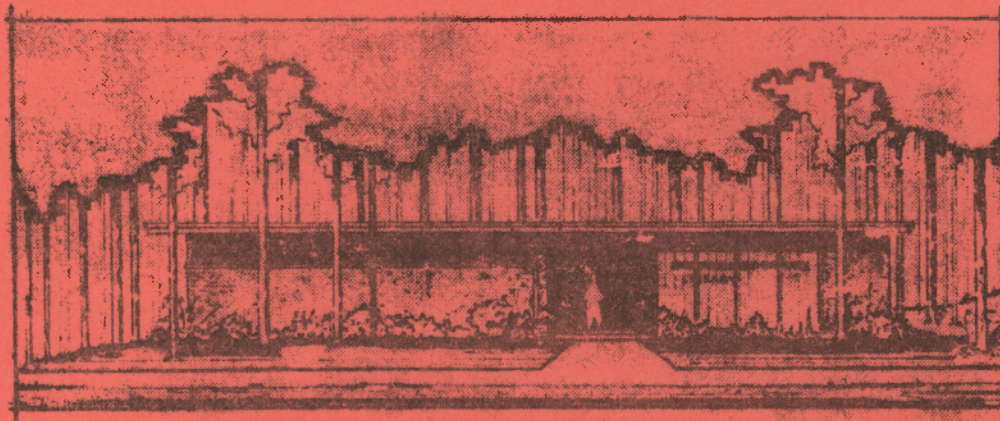
He continued:

"A man of big heart and kind impulse, who helped many people, Mr. Cooper, who hadn't been in a courtroom for years, came back to defend, without fee or hope of reward otherwise, a friendless person, whose partner in a terrible crime was able to afford experienced legal talent. The indicted man could not hope

for freedom, but Mr. Cooper was determined that he would not go to the chair because of lack of competent counsel — quite a victory in view of the character of the crime. He unquestionably could have become a famous criminal lawyer.

"Many Columbians will remember Forest Lake as Dent's Pond, and will recall Lakeview which Mr. Cooper operated just above the dam. Until the early 20's the swimming was below the dam. He made a good bargain when he sold many acres and water rights to Forest Lake Club. Then, as matters cleared he began to sell off lakeshore lots. But he died before the development assumed anything like present proportions."

"As I look back over the persons I have known I count him among Columbia's unique."



EXTERIOR DRAWING JOHN HUGHES COOPER BRANCH LIBRARY: Erection of a handsome new library, to be known as the John Hughes Cooper Branch Library, located on Trenholm Road in Forest Lake Shopping Area, as a memorial to the late Columbia Attorney John Hughes Cooper was announced yesterday by a member of the Cooper family and the board of trustees of the Richland County Public Library.

Moncks Corner
Berkeley County Democrat
November 9, 1960

Within Our Covers

The staff members of the Berkeley County Library wish to express their appreciation to the Board of Trustees and the county readers for their cooperation which allowed us to attend the State Library Convention. This was an inconvenience to our readers which we hope we will be able to more than repay with better service.

Attendance at these conventions and workshops are a must if we are to have a progressive Library. We meet with people from all over the state and hear speakers of national importance. We exchange ideas with other libraries as to procedure and furtherance of service. This is good for us and you. We enjoyed the experience and hope that you will reap the benefits from it.

We of the Library are truly grateful that we are so fired with enthusiasm for we will need it. The Post Office bulged with books to be processed and put on the shelves when we returned. But, "onward and upward," "If at first you don't succeed," "Lift that barge! Tote that bale!", shall be our marching songs for a while.

Our aim is to reach more people with better books.

Greenwood Index-
Journal
October 7, 1960



LIBRARY AND LAKE

Greenwood's public library and nearby Lake Greenwood have made this community first choice as a retirement location for a New Jersey couple, both of whom like to read and the husband likes to fish.

The couple, visiting in the library today, said they had decided to move south when the man retires next year. He is an electrical equipment inspector.

They took part of their vacation in July to check on South Carolina's summer heat and now are back to sample fall weather. Of all the places they visited, they have put Greenwood at the top of the list and said the library's attractive building and services along with the recreation offered at the lake were the prime reasons.

Charleston News & Courier
November 3, 1960

Ashley Cooper

Doing The Charleston

A TOURIST from Long Island, who had never been in Charleston before, telephoned me the other day to complain about the looks of the new county library.

Now that the building is a fait accompli, I'm not going to say any more about it. If a mistake has been made, it is water over the dam. The library performs an all-important function for Charleston, and it is time for us to close ranks and support the institution.

My final word, from now on when anybody asks me what about the library building, will be a non committal:

"It's one for the books."